

2.2 Purpose Statement

The purposes of the proposed actions are to achieve the following:

- A. Respond to the applications for incidental take permits for the covered species that authorize take related to:
 - The operation of existing SWP Delta facilities;
 - The construction and operation of facilities and/or improvements for the movement of water entering the Delta from the Sacramento Valley watershed to the existing SWP and CVP pumping plants located in the southern Delta;
 - The implementation of any conservation actions that have the potential to result in take of species that are or may become listed under the ESA, pursuant to the ESA at section 10(a)(1)(B) and its implementing regulations and policies; and
 - The diversion and discharge of water by Mirant LLC for power generation in the western Delta.
- B. Improve the ecosystem of the Delta by:
 - Providing for the conservation and management of covered species through actions within the BDCP Planning Area that will contribute to the recovery of the species;
 - Protecting, restoring, and enhancing certain aquatic, riparian, and associated terrestrial natural communities and ecosystems; and
 - Reducing the adverse effects to certain listed species of diverting water.
- C. Restore and protect the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts, when hydrologic conditions result in the availability of sufficient water, consistent with the requirements of state and federal law, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, and the terms and conditions of water delivery contracts held by SWP contractors and certain members of San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, and other existing applicable agreements.